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For : BAND SAW MACHINE, SAW BLADE ATTACHING METHOD
SAW BLADE DRIVING METHOD AND CUTTING METHOD
IN BAND SAW MACHINE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir :

This paper is in response to the Final Official Action dated March 9, 2009, setting a three month statutory period for response extending until June 9, 2009. Applicants have concurrently herewith filed a Request for Extension of Time, together with the appropriate fee, extending the period for response one month until July 9, 2009. Should any additional extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account 19-0089.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this Response.